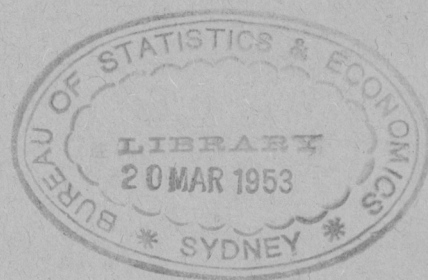


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INTRODUCTION

Except where otherwise specified the figures contained herein are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Monthly Pay-roll Tax returns lodged by employers (other than Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions and public hospitals) paying more than £20 per week in wages.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

Figures for recent months are subject to revision.

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1. The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. Further investigation may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revision will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are in process of revision.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 hereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

AUSTRALIA : MALES (Thousands)  
(Excluding employees in Rural Industries)

	1951		1952					1953
	Dec.	Jan.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
1. In Private Employment	1353.4	1353.1	1307.9	1299.6	1302.6	1301.6	1300.4	1298.9
In Governmental Employment -								
Commonwealth Authorities								
Defence Group (a)	27.9	27.9	31.9	32.6	32.2	32.2	32.5	31.5
Other	125.0	125.3	128.2	127.6	127.5	127.4	127.3	(b)125.5
State & Semi-Govt.	347.5	351.6	353.9	351.2	346.8	*344.8	*344.1	343.8
Local Authorities	62.1	59.0	59.9	59.9	60.0	59.7	59.6	58.1
2. Total Governmental	562.5	563.8	573.9	571.3	566.5	*564.1	*563.5	558.9
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1915.9	1916.9	1881.8	1870.9	1869.1	*1865.7	*1863.9	1857.8
4. Defence Forces (permanent, Overseas and National Service Trainees in Camp)	(c)50.7	(c)58.6	(c)70.4	(c)70.6	(c)70.1	(c)62.1	(c)59.3	(c)67.5
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces & Trainees	1966.6	1975.5	1952.2	1941.5	1939.2	*1927.8	1923.2	1925.3

AUSTRALIA : FEMALES (Thousands)  
(Excluding employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Services)

1. In private Employment	608.7	598.0	553.2	552.2	553.1	554.8	558.0	554.0
In Governmental Employment -								
Commonwealth Authorities								
Defence Group (a)	5.8	5.9	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2
Other	39.0	39.3	38.2	37.7	37.1	36.7	36.1	36.1
State & Semi-Govt.	62.1	62.6	64.8	64.5	64.0	63.9	63.5	62.6
Local Authorities	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3
2. Total Governmental	111.9	112.8	114.8	113.7	112.5	112.1	111.1	110.2
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	720.6	710.8	668.0	665.9	665.6	666.9	669.1	664.2
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1
5. Total, Civilian Employees & Defence Forces	721.8	712.1	670.1	668.0	667.7	669.0	671.1	666.3

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production, and includes migrants employed by these Departments under the emergency employment plan.

(b) Affected by industrial dispute.

(c) Excludes rural workers and students but includes non-enlisted personnel.

\* Revised since previous issue.

TABLE 1 : PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA.

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
July	1304.2	1341.6	1317.5	581.5	605.3	558.8	1885.7	1946.9	1876.3
August	1307.4	1342.7	1307.9	582.8	607.5	553.2	1890.2	1950.2	1861.1
September	1310.9	1344.6	1299.6	586.9	608.3	552.2	1897.8	1952.9	1851.8
October	1314.9	1350.2	1302.6	592.5	609.3	553.1	1907.4	1959.5	1855.7
November	1322.7	1359.7	1301.6	599.5	611.3	554.8	1922.2	1971.0	1856.4
December	1324.0	1353.4	1300.4	601.5	608.7	558.0	1925.5	1962.1	1858.4
January	1325.5	1353.1	1298.9	593.2	598.0	554.0	1918.7	1951.1	1852.9
February	1329.9	1352.3		600.3	592.4		1930.2	1944.7	
March	1329.4	1352.1		602.9	588.4		1932.3	1940.5	
April	1334.6	1343.7		604.6	578.5		1939.2	1922.2	
May	1339.7	1336.0		605.3	572.6		1945.0	1908.6	
June	1341.1	1330.7		605.0	564.2		1946.1	1894.9	

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES - AUSTRALIA

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
July	554.4	571.2	576.5	108.2	114.9	115.4	662.6	686.1	691.9
August	556.1	569.2	573.9	108.3	114.6	114.8	664.4	683.8	688.7
September	557.2	562.4	571.3	108.9	112.4	113.7	666.1	674.8	685.0
October	(a) 528.4	558.9	566.5	107.8	112.3	112.5	(a) 636.2	671.2	679.0
November	(a) 541.6	559.4	*564.1	108.6	112.7	112.1	(a) 650.2	672.1	*676.2
December	560.2	562.5	*563.5	110.0	111.9	111.1	670.2	674.4	*674.6
January	561.2	563.8	(a) 558.9	110.5	112.8	110.2	671.7	676.6	(a) 669.1
February	565.1	568.2		112.7	114.9		677.8	683.1	
March	567.5	571.6		113.0	115.4		680.5	687.0	
April	570.4	575.7		113.6	115.7		684.0	691.4	
May	570.6	577.8		113.8	115.6		684.4	693.4	
June	570.4	577.4		113.8	115.2		684.2	692.6	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA.

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
July	1858.6	1912.8	1894.0	689.7	720.2	674.2	2548.3	2633.0	2568.2
August	1863.5	1911.9	1881.8	691.1	722.1	668.0	2554.6	2634.0	2549.8
September	1868.1	1907.0	1870.9	695.8	720.7	665.9	2563.9	2627.7	2536.8
October	(a) 1843.3	1909.1	1869.1	700.3	721.6	665.6	(a) 2543.6	2630.7	2534.7
November	(a) 1864.3	1919.1	*1865.7	708.1	724.0	666.9	(a) 2572.4	2643.1	*2532.6
December	1884.2	1915.9	*1863.9	711.5	720.6	669.1	2595.7	2636.5	*2533.0
January	1886.7	1916.9	(a) 1857.8	703.7	710.8	664.2	2590.4	2627.7	(a) 2522.0
February	1895.0	1920.5		713.0	707.3		2608.0	2627.8	
March	1896.9	1923.7		715.9	703.8		2612.8	2627.5	
April	1905.0	1919.4		718.2	694.2		2623.2	2613.6	
May	1910.3	1913.8		719.1	688.2		2629.4	2602.0	
June	1911.5	1908.1		718.8	679.4		2630.3	2587.5	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

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TABLE 4 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Including Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
July	33.9	46.7	68.9	0.1	0.8	1.9	34.0	47.5	70.8
August	35.7	56.1	70.4	0.1	0.9	2.1	35.8	57.0	72.5
September	36.3	57.0	70.6	0.1	1.0	2.1	36.4	58.0	72.7
October	37.6	57.5	70.1	0.1	1.1	2.1	37.7	58.6	72.2
November	38.6	49.5	62.1	0.1	1.2	2.1	38.7	50.7	64.2
December	39.0	50.7	59.3	0.1	1.2	2.0	39.1	51.9	61.3
January	40.1	58.6	67.5	0.1	1.3	2.1	40.2	59.9	69.6
February	40.9	60.4		0.2	1.4		41.1	61.8	
March	41.8	62.0		0.3	1.5		42.1	63.5	
April	42.4	64.6		0.4	1.6		42.8	66.2	
May	43.1	65.9		0.5	1.8		43.6	67.7	
June	43.7	67.6		0.6	1.8		44.3	69.4	

Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 5 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA  
(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
July	1892.5	1959.5	1962.9	689.8	721.0	676.1	2582.3	2680.5	2639.0
August	1899.2	1968.0	1952.2	691.2	723.0	670.1	2590.4	2691.0	2622.3
September	1904.4	1964.0	1941.5	695.9	721.7	668.0	2600.3	2685.7	2609.5
October	(a)1880.9	1966.6	1939.2	700.4	722.7	667.7	(a)2581.3	2689.3	2606.9
November	(a)1902.9	1968.6	*1927.8	708.2	725.2	669.0	(a)2611.1	2693.8	*2596.8
December	1923.2	1966.6	*1923.2	711.6	721.8	671.1	2634.8	2688.4	*2594.3
January	1926.8	1975.5	(a)1925.3	703.8	712.1	666.3	2630.6	2687.6	(a)2591.6
February	1935.9	1980.9		713.2	708.7		2649.1	2689.6	
March	1938.7	1985.7		716.2	705.3		2654.9	2691.0	
April	1947.4	1984.0		718.6	695.8		2666.0	2679.8	
May	1953.4	1979.7		719.6	690.0		2673.0	2669.7	
June	1955.2	1975.7		719.4	681.2		2674.6	2656.9	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

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TABLE 6 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp are also excluded)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Governmental Authorities(a)	Private Employment	Total	Governmental Authorities(a)	Private Employment	Total	Governmental Authorities(a)	Private Employment	Total
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.1
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.7
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.3
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9
1949 May(b)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2
1950 June	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	107.6	580.6	688.2	661.1	1,885.8	2,546.9
1951 June	570.4	1,341.1	1,911.5	113.8	605.0	718.8	684.2	1,946.1	2,630.3
Nov.(c)	559.4	1,359.7	1,919.1	112.7	611.3	724.0	672.1	1,971.0	2,643.1
1952 Jan.(c)	563.8	1,353.1	1,916.9	112.8	598.0	710.8	676.6	1,951.1	2,627.7
Feb.(c)	568.2	1,352.3	1,920.5	114.9	592.4	707.3	683.1	1,944.7	2,627.8
Mar.(c)	571.6	1,352.1	1,923.7	115.4	588.4	703.8	687.0	1,940.5	2,627.5
Apr.(c)	575.7	1,343.7	1,919.4	115.7	578.5	694.2	691.4	1,922.2	2,613.6
May (c)	577.8	1,336.0	1,913.8	115.6	572.6	688.2	693.4	1,908.6	2,602.0
June(c)	577.4	1,330.7	1,908.1	115.2	564.2	679.4	692.6	1,894.9	2,587.5
July(c)	576.5	1,317.5	1,894.0	115.4	558.8	674.2	691.9	1,876.3	2,568.2
Aug.(c)	573.9	1,307.9	1,881.8	114.8	553.2	668.0	688.7	1,861.1	2,549.8
Sept.(c)	571.3	1,299.6	1,870.9	113.7	552.2	665.9	685.0	1,851.8	2,536.8
Oct.(c)	566.5	1,302.6	1,869.1	112.5	553.1	665.6	679.0	1,855.7	2,534.7
Nov.(c)*	564.1	1,301.6	1,865.7	112.1	554.8	666.9	676.2	1,856.4	2,532.6
Dec.(c)*	563.5	1,300.4	1,863.9	111.1	558.0	669.1	674.6	1,858.4	2,533.0
1953 Jan.(c)	558.9	1,298.9	1,857.8	110.2	554.0	664.2	669.1	1,852.9	2,522.0

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities\* (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc. as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

(b) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949.

(c) See Prefatory Note on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees.

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TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, JANUARY 1953.

## STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt. (a)	Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)			
	Defence Group		Other		Total								
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	P
New South Wales	9.7	1.0	43.1	13.3	52.8	14.3	124.1	22.3	24.3	2.5	201.2	39.1	240.3
Victoria	16.9	4.5	33.7	10.7	50.6	15.2	90.0	19.2	12.0	1.2	152.6	35.6	188.2
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.4	4.2	17.6	4.4	49.3	6.8	14.0	0.8	80.9	12.0	92.9
South Australia	2.6	0.4	11.9	2.7	14.5	3.1	36.0	7.1	2.7	0.3	53.2	10.5	63.7
West Australia	0.8	0.1	7.8	1.9	8.6	2.0	31.4	4.5	3.0	0.3	43.0	6.8	49.8
Tasmania	0.1	—	3.7	1.0	3.8	1.0	13.0	2.7	2.1	0.2	18.9	3.9	22.8
Northern Terr.	0.1	—	2.3	0.5	2.4	0.5	—	—	—	—	2.4	0.5	2.9
Aust.Cap.Terr.	0.1	—	6.6	1.8	6.7	1.8	—	—	—	—	6.7	1.8	8.5
Total:Jan. 1953	31.5	6.2	125.5	36.1	157.0	42.3	343.8	62.6	58.1	5.3	558.9	110.2	669.1
Total:Dec. 1952	32.5	6.3	127.3	36.1	159.8	42.4	*344.1	63.5	59.6	5.2	*563.5	111.1	*674.6

(a) See note (a) to Table 6 above.

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TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES.

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp are also excluded)  
 (Thousands)

State or Territory	June 1948	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	Aug. 1951	Nov. 1951	June 1952	Dec. 1952	Jan. 1953
<b>MALES</b>									
New South Wales	702.3	721.4	740.8	758.2	758.7	765.0	754.4	727.1	(b)723.9
Victoria	473.3	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.2	524.3	524.4	*516.8	517.3
Queensland	232.6	239.8	250.4	259.3	261.1	260.1	258.1	251.8	247.6
South Australia	149.0	155.0	165.7	170.0	169.6	169.9	171.5	168.0	167.2
West Australia	109.2	112.8	120.5	125.3	125.5	126.6	(b)126.0	126.7	127.6
Tasmania	54.5	57.4	58.4	60.2	60.0	60.9	61.0	60.6	61.2
Northern Territory	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
Aust.Cap.Territory	6.0	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.1	7.8	8.3	8.5	8.6
<b>Australia:</b>	<b>1730.9</b>	<b>1787.1</b>	<b>1858.7</b>	<b>1911.5</b>	<b>1911.9</b>	<b>1919.1</b>	<b>1908.1</b>	<b>*1863.9</b>	<b>1857.8</b>

<b>FEMALES</b>									
New South Wales	261.9	269.9	278.5	290.9	292.6	295.2	270.5	264.5	262.3
Victoria	196.7	202.5	210.0	219.6	220.2	220.2	206.6	203.6	202.4
Queensland	77.9	80.1	83.1	86.1	87.6	87.0	83.8	84.1	83.6
South Australia	50.1	52.2	54.3	57.0	57.0	57.1	54.9	53.4	53.3
West Australia	37.0	37.8	39.9	41.6	41.6	41.5	40.5	40.7	39.8
Tasmania	18.0	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.9	19.8	19.8	19.5	19.5
Northern Territory	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
Aust.Cap.Territory	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5
<b>Australia:</b>	<b>644.0</b>	<b>664.1</b>	<b>688.2</b>	<b>718.8</b>	<b>722.1</b>	<b>724.0</b>	<b>679.4</b>	<b>669.1</b>	<b>664.2</b>

<b>PERSONS</b>									
New South Wales	964.2	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1051.3	1060.2	1024.9	991.6	(b)986.2
Victoria	670.0	691.8	720.7	745.4	744.4	744.5	731.0	*720.4	719.7
Queensland	301.5	319.9	333.5	345.4	348.7	347.1	341.9	335.9	331.2
South Australia	199.1	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.6	227.0	226.4	221.4	220.5
West Australia	146.2	150.6	160.4	166.9	167.1	168.1	(b)166.5	167.4	167.4
Tasmania	72.5	76.2	77.8	80.5	79.9	80.7	80.8	80.1	80.7
Northern Territory	4.6	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2
Aust.Cap.Territory	7.8	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.5	10.2	10.8	10.9	11.1
<b>Australia:</b>	<b>2374.9</b>	<b>2451.2</b>	<b>2546.9</b>	<b>2630.3</b>	<b>2634.0</b>	<b>2643.1</b>	<b>2587.5</b>	<b>*2533.0</b>	<b>2522.0</b>

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949.

(b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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TABLE 9: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	June 1948	June 1952	October 1952	November 1952	December 1952	January 1953
<b>MALES</b>						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	27.4	27.3	25.1	25.0	25.0	25.0
Mining - Gold	9.4	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.0	7.9
Silver, Lead, Zinc	7.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6
Coal	26.2	29.7	30.4	30.3	30.2	30.0
Other (Incl. Quarries)	9.4	11.4	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.7
Total Mining and Quarrying:	52.7	58.8	59.8	59.8	59.5	59.2
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories(a)	625.0	661.6	646.1	645.5	644.0	644.1
Other (b)	55.5	59.8	60.0	60.1	60.1	60.1
Total Manufacturing:	680.5	721.4	706.1	705.6	704.1	704.2
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (Privately Employed)(c)	85.9	101.4	95.4	94.6	92.9	92.3
Other (d)	81.9	112.6	101.7	99.9	98.9	(h) 95.6
Total Building and Construction:	167.8	214.0	197.1	194.5	191.8	187.9
Transport and Communication:						
Road Transport	82.1	86.0	82.4	82.0	82.1	81.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	43.3	49.2	49.2	49.3	48.6	48.7
Rail and Air Transport	96.5	106.9	105.5	*104.8	*105.2	104.9
Communication	48.0	57.8	58.1	58.2	57.9	58.4
Total Transport, etc.	269.9	299.9	295.2	*294.3	*293.8	293.9
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance) -	49.4	55.9	55.5	55.4	55.7	55.9
Commerce - Wholesale Trade	92.9	114.1	111.2	110.8	110.1	111.3
Primary Produce Agencies	19.4	21.2	23.6	23.8	24.0	24.1
Retail Trade	123.3	124.8	122.8	124.0	126.5	124.4
Total Commerce:	235.6	260.1	257.6	258.6	260.6	259.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	84.3	97.5	98.0	97.9	97.8	97.7
Other -						
Law and Order	17.1	19.6	19.7	19.7	19.7	19.8
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Service	24.5	25.3	25.3	25.1	25.0	25.2
Education	28.6	33.2	33.7	33.7	33.9	33.3
Other Professional	11.1	12.4	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.9
Entertainment, Sport	17.7	18.1	18.3	18.4	18.2	18.1
Personal Service (e)	52.9	53.2	52.0	52.1	52.9	53.0
Total Other:	163.3	173.2	172.2	172.2	172.8	172.7
Migrants employed by Commonwealth Government on special tasks	-	-	2.5	2.4	2.8	1.5
TOTAL:	1730.9	1908.1	1869.1	*1865.7	*1863.9	1857.8

## FEMALES

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mining and Quarrying	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories(a)	208.0	199.2	193.6	194.0	192.3	193.7
Other (b)	5.9	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.0
Total Manufacturing:	213.9	206.3	200.5	200.9	199.2	200.7
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)	2.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1
Road Transport	6.8	9.0	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.5
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Rail and Air Transport	7.8	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7
Communication	18.3	19.4	18.8	18.7	18.4	18.2
Total Transport, etc.:	35.0	39.5	37.4	37.2	36.9	36.8

\* Revised since previous issue. (h) Affected by industrial dispute. For other notes see page 9.



TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA (Continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	June 1948	June 1952	October 1952	November 1952	December 1952	January 1953
<b>FEMALES (Continued)</b>						
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance) -	24.2	32.9	32.3	32.1	32.2	32.5
Commerce - Wholesale Trade	28.5	34.7	33.9	34.1	33.8	34.3
Primary Produce Agencies	4.2	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3
Retail Trade	109.3	112.6	109.2	111.0	115.5	110.4
Total Commerce:	142.0	152.6	148.5	150.5	154.6	150.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	25.0	27.8	27.7	27.7	27.6	27.2
Other -						
Law and Order	7.5	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.6
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	59.6	68.7	69.0	68.2	67.9	67.5
Education	37.1	41.8	42.1	42.0	41.9	40.7
Other Professional	8.3	9.4	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4
Entertainment, Sport	8.4	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6
Personal Service (e)	70.4	68.9	66.9	67.2	68.0	68.0
Total Other:	200.3	215.0	213.8	213.1	213.3	211.8
TOTAL:	644.0	679.4	665.6	666.9	669.1	664.2
<b>PERSONS</b>						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping -	27.5	27.5	25.3	25.2	25.2	25.2
Mining - Gold	9.5	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0
Silver, Lead, Zinc	7.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8
Coal	26.3	29.9	30.6	30.5	30.4	30.2
Other (incl. Quarries)	9.6	11.7	11.9	12.1	12.1	12.1
Total Mining and Quarrying:	53.3	59.7	60.7	60.7	60.4	60.1
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	833.0	860.8	839.7	839.5	836.3	837.8
Other (b)	61.4	66.9	66.9	67.0	67.0	67.1
Total Manufacturing:	894.4	927.7	906.6	906.5	903.3	904.9
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (Privately Employed)(c)	88.3	104.0	98.0	97.2	95.4	94.7
Other (d)	82.4	114.2	103.4	101.6	100.6	(h) 97.3
Total Building and Construction:	170.7	218.2	201.4	198.8	196.0	192.0
Transport and Communication -						
Road Transport	88.9	95.0	90.8	90.3	90.5	90.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	45.4	51.7	51.6	51.7	51.0	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	104.3	115.5	113.3	*112.6	*112.9	112.6
Communication	66.3	77.2	76.9	76.9	76.3	76.6
Total Transport, etc.:	304.9	339.4	332.6	*331.5	*330.7	330.7
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)	73.6	88.8	87.8	87.5	87.9	88.4
Commerce - Wholesale Trade	121.4	148.8	145.1	144.9	143.9	145.6
Primary Produce Agencies	23.6	26.5	29.0	29.2	29.3	29.4
Retail Trade	232.6	237.4	232.0	235.0	242.0	234.8
Total Commerce:	377.6	412.7	406.1	409.1	415.2	409.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	109.3	125.3	125.7	125.6	125.4	124.9
Other -						
Law and Order	24.6	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.2	28.4
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	84.1	94.0	94.3	93.3	92.9	92.7
Education	65.7	75.0	75.8	75.7	75.8	74.0
Other Professional	19.4	21.8	21.3	21.2	21.1	21.3
Entertainment, Sport	26.1	26.7	27.0	27.1	26.8	26.7
Personal Service (e)	123.3	122.1	118.9	119.3	120.9	121.0
Total Other:	363.6	388.2	386.0	385.3	386.1	384.5
Migrants employed by Commonwealth Government on special tasks	-	-	2.5	2.4	2.8	1.5
TOTAL:	2374.9	2587.5	2534.7	*2532.6	*2533.0	2522.0

\* Revised since previous issue. (h) Affected by industrial dispute. For other notes see page 9.

TABLE 10 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - JANUARY, 1953.

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.(f)
<u>MALES</u>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.3	5.4	5.5	1.7	1.9	1.9	25.0
Mining and Quarrying	31.6	5.4	9.2	1.6	8.2	3.1	59.2
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	265.0	200.4	66.1	62.2	32.4	18.0	644.1
Other (b)	26.1	17.5	10.0	2.5	2.4	0.4	60.1
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	291.1	217.9	76.1	64.7	34.8	18.4	704.2
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	60.1	49.7	30.0	18.5	15.4	10.4	187.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	16.8	11.5	8.5	5.9	3.9	2.0	48.7
Rail and Air Transport	39.0	21.2	21.0	10.7	10.0	2.5	104.9
Other Transport and Communication	57.1	36.8	21.6	11.7	8.5	4.0	140.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	22.0	16.7	7.7	4.6	3.5	1.4	55.9
Retail Trade	48.7	36.0	15.3	11.3	9.1	3.6	124.4
Wholesale and Other Commerce	46.3	38.7	17.8	14.3	13.8	4.2	135.4
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	35.9	28.3	11.4	7.5	7.1	3.7	97.7
Other Industries (g)	67.0	49.7	23.5	14.7	11.4	6.0	174.2
<u>TOTAL MALES:</u>	723.9	517.3	247.6	167.2	127.6	61.2	1857.8
<u>FEMALES</u>							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	81.6	75.8	12.6	13.9	6.0	3.8	193.7
Other (b)	0.9	2.2	2.8	0.1	0.9	-	7.0
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	82.5	78.0	15.4	14.0	6.9	3.8	200.7
Rail and Air Transport	3.2	2.0	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	7.7
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	10.9	8.8	4.1	2.6	1.4	1.1	29.1
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	14.3	9.4	3.7	2.5	1.7	0.8	32.5
Retail Trade	41.5	30.1	14.9	10.9	9.0	3.8	110.4
Wholesale and Other Commerce	15.1	10.4	6.4	3.6	3.2	0.9	39.6
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.6	6.6	4.4	1.5	1.9	0.9	27.2
Other Industries (g)	84.2	57.1	33.4	17.5	15.3	8.1	217.0
<u>TOTAL FEMALES:</u>	262.3	202.4	83.6	53.3	39.8	19.5	664.2
<u>PERSONS</u>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.4	5.5	5.5	1.7	1.9	1.9	25.2
Mining and Quarrying	31.9	5.5	9.4	1.6	8.4	3.2	60.1
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	346.6	276.2	78.7	76.1	38.4	21.8	837.8
Other (b)	27.0	19.7	12.8	2.6	3.3	0.4	67.1
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	373.6	295.9	91.5	78.7	41.7	22.2	904.9
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	61.8	50.8	30.5	18.9	15.7	10.5	192.0
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.8	12.0	8.8	6.2	4.1	2.1	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	42.2	23.2	22.3	11.4	10.4	2.6	112.6
Other Transport and Communication	67.0	45.1	25.4	14.0	9.7	5.0	167.0
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	36.3	26.1	11.4	7.1	5.2	2.2	88.4
Retail Trade	90.2	66.1	30.2	22.2	18.1	7.4	234.8
Wholesale and Other Commerce	61.4	49.1	24.2	17.9	17.0	5.1	175.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	46.5	34.9	15.8	9.0	9.0	4.6	124.9
Other Industries (g)	149.1	105.5	56.2	31.8	26.2	13.9	386.0
<u>TOTAL PERSONS:</u>	986.2	719.7	331.2	220.5	167.4	80.7	2522.0

For notes see page 9.

## NOTES TO TABLES 9 AND 10.

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed, or in which power other than hand is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc. . Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein as to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948 within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Table 11.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestic).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc. and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES  
NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA, FEBRUARY, 1953.

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 to 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, provided their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and a summary of the results to date is presented in the following table.

The figures relate to 618 factories in New South Wales, representing about 3.6% of all factories in that State, and 778 factories in Victoria, representing about 5.8% of all factories in that State. Approximately half of total private factory employment in each State is covered by the collection.



## 11(a). SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES.

Period (End of Month)	Employment (a)			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1952</u>						
January ..	246,085	89,268	335,353			
May ..	236,886	77,539	314,425	- 1.5	- 4.4	- 2.2
June ..	233,501	75,916	309,417	- 1.4	- 2.0	- 1.6
July ..	229,033	73,607	302,640	- 1.9	- 3.0	- 2.2
August ..	224,483	72,351	296,834	- 2.0	- 1.7	- 1.9
September ..	223,727	71,830	295,557	- 0.3	- 0.7	- 0.4
October ..	224,293	72,417	296,710	+ 0.3	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
November ..	224,298	73,074	297,372	+ 0.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.2
December ..	224,168	73,570	297,738	- 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
<u>1953</u>						
January ..	*225,728	*74,416	*300,144	+ 0.7	+ 1.2	+ 0.8
February ..	229,090	77,432	306,522	+ 1.5	+ 4.1	+ 2.1

\* Revised. (a) From January, 1953, the list of factories in the survey was amended slightly. The figures for earlier months show employment levels in the factories of the amended list.

The following table shows the employment in all factories surveyed, excluding food processing where employment is subject to seasonal fluctuations.

## 11(b). SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES.

Period (End of Month)	Employment (a)			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1952</u>						
January ..	224,074	78,986	303,060			
April ..	218,908	71,177	290,085	- 0.9	- 3.7	- 1.6
May ..	216,399	68,928	285,327	- 1.1	- 3.2	- 1.4
June ..	213,552	67,998	281,550	- 1.3	- 1.3	- 1.3
July ..	209,420	66,016	275,436	- 1.9	- 2.9	- 2.2
August ..	204,740	64,879	269,619	- 2.2	- 1.7	- 2.1
September ..	203,722	64,600	268,322	- 0.5	- 0.4	- 0.5
October ..	203,450	64,925	268,375	- 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.0
November ..	203,339	65,358	268,697	- 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
December ..	203,028	65,064	268,092	- 0.2	- 0.4	- 0.2
<u>1953</u>						
January ..	*204,701	*65,822	*270,523	+ 0.8	+ 1.2	+ 0.9
February ..	207,463	67,369	274,832	+ 1.3	+ 2.4	+ 1.6

\* Revised.

(a) See note (a) above.

The trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, in relevant States, for the periods for which comparisons are available. The decline in the estimated total for all private factories in the two States combined for the period from January, 1952, to January, 1953, was 8.6 per cent., as compared with 10.5 per cent. for the 1,396 factories of the present survey.

An industrial grouping of the numbers of persons employed in the larger private factories surveyed, males and females being shown separately, is as follows:-

II (c). SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment (Both States) (a)				Percentage movement in employment	
	Jan. 1952	Dec. 1952	Jan. 1953	Feb. 1953	Dec. 1952- Jan. 1953	Jan. 1953- Feb. 1953
MALES						
1. Building Materials	19,466	17,621	17,528	17,772	- 0.5	+ 1.4
2. Basic Metals	26,906	28,281	*28,401	28,790	*+ 0.4	+ 1.4
3. Transportation Equipment	31,896	30,068	30,814	31,479	+ 2.5	+ 2.2
4. Other Metal Manufactures	66,977	57,840	*58,053	58,396	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	12,640	11,095	11,176	11,118	+ 0.7	- 0.5
6. Clothing and Textiles	27,010	24,810	*25,241	26,033	+ 1.7	+ 3.1
7. Food	22,011	21,140	21,027	21,627	- 0.5	+ 2.9
8. All Other	39,179	33,313	33,488	33,875	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
Total - All Groups	246,085	224,168	*225,728	229,090	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Total - Excluding Food	224,074	203,028	*204,701	207,463	+ 0.8	+ 1.3

FEMALES

1. Building Materials	1,897	1,505	1,478	1,507	- 1.8	+ 2.0
2. Basic Metals	1,163	1,137	* 1,051	1,060	- 4.3	+ 0.9
3. Transportation Equipment	3,301	2,554	2,561	2,627	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
4. Other Metal Manufactures	15,019	10,185	*10,325	10,451	+ 0.9	+ 1.2
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	3,513	3,082	3,097	3,121	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
6. Clothing and Textiles	42,872	37,047	*37,568	38,656	+ 1.5	+ 2.9
7. Food	10,282	8,506	8,594	10,063	+ 1.0	+17.1
8. All Other	11,221	9,554	9,742	9,947	+ 2.0	+ 2.1
Total - All Groups	89,268	73,570	*74,416	77,432	+ 1.2	+ 4.1
Total - Excluding Food	78,986	65,064	*65,822	67,369	+ 1.2	+ 2.4

\* Revised. (a) From January, 1953, the list of factories in the survey has been amended slightly. The figures for earlier months have been revised to show employment levels in the factories of the amended list.

TABLE 12 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA.

Index-numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1000)

Revised Series ( Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index-numbers		Quarter	Index-numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1950 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Sept. Quarter	1,588	1,655
1947-48	1,164	1,206	Dec. Quarter	1,650	1,731
			1951 -		
1948-49	1,322	1,365	March Quarter	1,815	1,870
			June Quarter	1,915	1,984
1949-50	1,451	1,505	Sept. Quarter	2,020	2,107
			Dec. Quarter	2,129	2,182
1950-51	1,742	1,810	1952 -		
			March Quarter	2,183	2,258
1951-52	2,145	2,213	June Quarter	2,249	2,304
			Sept. Quarter	2,305	2,371
			Dec. Quarter	2,354	(c)

(a) Including salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Not yet available.

NOTE:- The two series in the above table are not comparable horizontally.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and other data.

The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1950-51 is based on average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TALBE 13 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS : ADULT MALES,  
INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1952 (a).

The index-numbers in the following table are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index-number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	311	299	278	299	309	301	301
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	305	294	285	295	311	302	299
III. Food, Drink, etc.	308	309	282	304	303	312	303
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	302	304	311	311	315	301	305
V. Books, Printing, etc.	348	341	318	334	340	341	341
VI. Other Manufacturing	309	297	278	303	305	303	301
VII. Building	341	323	307	318	326	320	328
VIII. Mining (c)	317	307	298	301	(d) 335	307	314
IX. Rail and Tram Services	309	298	285	293	303	296	300
X. Other Land Transport	305	288	273	289	303	292	294
XI. Shipping, etc. (e)	336	341	337	338	339	340	338
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (f)	341	329	335	334	343	323	335
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. (f)	295	285	261	277	285	279	285
XIV. Miscellaneous	303	292	273	284	295	289	293
All Groups (b)	317	306	299	306	317	308	310

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Average rates of wage prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Excludes district allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(e) Average rates of wage on which index-numbers are based are for occupations other than masters, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(f) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.



TABLE 14 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index-numbers in the following table are based on averages of wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rate for each industrial group in that State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index-number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1942	132	130	126	122	134	122	130
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	149	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
31st March, 1951	258	253	235	243	258	245	252
30th June, 1951	267	262	245	250	271	255	261
30th September, 1951	282	277	255	266	287	272	276
31st December, 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
31st March, 1952	312	302	285	292	312	298	303
30th June, 1952	321	307	295	299	324	306	311
30th September, 1952	335	322	304	315	334	317	325
31st December, 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI. (Shipping, etc.) and XII. (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

TABLE 15 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act, 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Service Consolidation Act 1947-52), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 January	336	53	2,190	3	48	5	2,265	370	2,635
February	460	40	2,293	4	50	5	2,253	599	2,852
March	858	111	2,742	23	55	7	2,708	1,088	3,796
April	1,370	279	2,530	18	55	9	2,861	1,400	4,261
May	2,687	379	2,016	57	82	24	3,617	1,628	5,245
June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
July	7,300	2,947	2,188	448	618	179	10,522	3,158	13,680
August	13,661	6,454	2,631	878	954	299	20,628	4,249	24,877
September	15,982	7,058	2,716	954	790	306	23,428	4,378	27,806
October (e)	19,004	7,042	3,200	1,062	875	367	27,112	4,438	31,550
November	20,839	7,685	3,289	1,080	921	316	29,275	4,855	34,130
December	25,118	7,817	4,452	1,209	1,233	257	34,775	5,311	40,086
1953 January	23,653	8,416	7,034	1,205	1,136	189	36,817	4,816	41,633

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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